RESOLUTION NO.: 2007-51

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, JOINING THE CITY OF MIAMI AND THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI ΙN SUPPORTING HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS BY URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO **END** DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS AND APPLY IMMIGRATION POLICIES EQUALLY TO ALL IMMIGRANTS, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah join the City of Miami and the City of North Miami in supporting Haitian immigrants, and urge the federal government to end discriminatory treatment of Haitian immigrants, and apply immigration policies equally to all immigrants, regardless of nationality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami and the City of North Miami have both passed resolutions pledging their support for Haitian immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Haitian immigrants are many times being detained indefinitely and denied due process, whereas immigrants from other countries are granted "credible fear" interviews and often paroled into the community; and

WHEREAS, the current policy of treating Haitian immigrants differently than other nationals is unfair, discriminatory, and inhumane.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida support Haitian immigrants by urging the federal government to end discriminatory

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treatment of Haitian immigrants, and apply immigration policies equally to all immigrants, regardless of nationality.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8 day of May , 2007.

Esteban Bovo Council President

Attest: Approved on the day of A , 2007

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

William Frod nich K.C.

William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers Bovo, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Miel and Yedra voting "Yes".